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SUBJECT: MOVE TO TEGEL

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1. SENAT ANNOUNCED AUGUST 15 THAT PAN AM AND BA HAVE GIVEN WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO MOVE FLIGHT OPERATIONS TO TEGEL EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1975. CARRIERS TOGETHER WILL RECEIVE TEN MILLION MARK SUBSIDY FOR MOVE.

2. COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF COMMANDER TCA, USAA, USBER AND AND USCIB UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP POLAD IS CURRENTLY STUDYING OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT OF MOVE OF CIVIL CARRIERS AS WELL AS FUTURE USE OF TEMPELHOF. INFORMATION REFTEL TIMELY AND USEFUL.

3. INTIAL READING IS THAT SUBSTANTIAL PART OF AIRLINE AND BFG ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WILL HAVE TO REMAIN AT TEMPELHOF, AT LEAST UNTIL ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION (PLANNING STAGE FOR WHICH HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED) IS UNDERTAKEN AT TEGEL. THUS LIMITED AMOUNT OFFICE SPACE MAY BE FREED AT TEMPELHOF AT OUTSET. BULK OF SPACE NOW CERTAIN TO BECOME AVAILABLE IS IN FORM OF PASSENGER HALLS, BAGGAGE AND FREIGHT FACILITIES AND HANGERS, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH ARE NOT READILY CONVERTIBLE TO OFFICES BUT MIGHT WELL

BE SUITABLE FOR USE BY LANDESPOST AND FOR STORAGE OF QBAL-RELATED GROUND HANDLING EQUIPMENT. WE WILL ALSO INVESTIGATE OTHER USES, INCLUDING POSSIBLE USE OF PARTS OF FIELD FOR STOCKPILE STORAGE.

4. DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE AS TO WHETHER TEMPELHOF IS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DIVERSIONS FROM TEGEL AND/OR OCCASIONAL EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT IN ADDITION TO MILITARY FLYING. WHILE FINANCE MINISTRY'S INTEREST IN GETTING BFG OUT OF TEMPELHOF IS COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDABLE, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE COMPANY WANTS TO KEEP ITS HAND IN, PERHAPS BY PERFORMING SERVICES SUCH AS SNOW REMOVAL UNDER CONTRACT TO BAU OR USAF. THEY MAY IN FACT HAVE TO RETAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAJOR PART OF BUILDING COMPLEX. HOWEVER, WE WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION TO MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN COMMITTEE'S WORK IS FURTHER ALONG. KLEIN

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